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WEATHER TODAY

Portland, Nov. 16.—Western
Washington: Occasional rain.
Eastern Oregon Eastern Wash-
ington: Cloudy with occasional rain.

DECENCY FIRST.

No subterfuge, no palaver no slick and smooth sophistry can gull the people of this city into a silent contemplation of the reversal of good order and fair standing of the municipality. The question at issue in this fight is whether Astoria is to drop back to the rotten and humoral status that made her a by-word on the whole coast, or whether she is to maintain a decent and commendable front to the world; this is the crucial Alpha and Omega of the pending campaign, and the Republicans, and all other clean and earnest citizens are going to fight the adverse conclusion to a stand-still. There is no demand for the application of the extreme measure of the law. Decency is demanded. The regulation of all sources of evil is demanded. If this cannot be had without the employment of the absolute and last fusion of code and charter, then both edicts will be used to their final and determinable office.

POLICE COMMISSION'S DUTY.

The prime duty of the Astoria police commission is to equip the local force with a chief that knows his business and does it. At the present writing this duty has been absolutely ignored. The new commission will have the reorganization of the force for one of its first official acts, and while there are several good, efficient men on the force, they are handicapped in the performance of their work, by the will of a chief who is indifferent, (or worse) to the requirements of his post. The election of John W. Babbidge and W. C. Laws to the police commission is doubly imperative as a means of retiring an official who fails to live up to the demands of his trust and for the appointment of a successor who shall know and do the right thing at the right moment. The force under its present control is a farce, a comedy, and the men dominated by an incompetent are the laughing stock of citizens, who have no recourse but to elect a commission that will remedy the situation instantly.

RESENTMENT WILL FOLLOW.

The Republicans, fortunately, are not the only people interested in the City of Astoria. There are hundreds of others with different political bias, who are profoundly interested in her future, immediate and remote. It is the intention of these people to make an honest fight to keep down the access of crime and immoral license in the city to a regulated minimum, that shall stand for ordinary, common decency; and those who intend to seek an expansion of the limits of license on gambling, macquery and debauchery, will go up against a proposition of law that has not yet been invoked in this territory. If the reput-

able saloon keepers of Astoria are going to allow the dives to sway them in the conduct of the campaign, they will have to stand for such results as accrue to them. The statute and charter prohibitions are numerous and powerful enough to control every phase of violation, and if it becomes necessary to apply the letter, it will be applied on all corners and with impartial severity.

UNCLE SAM'S LATEST.

Uncle Sam is sending to the Philippines a big dry dock from Chesapeake Bay. The Philippines needed it, and as it could not be built over there as cheaply as here, and probably not as well, it was decided to build it here and tow it over. The dock belongs to the Navy Department, and it will cost \$250,000 to get it to its destination. It will go through the Suez canal, in tow of three colliers, and will be the biggest thing that was ever floated through that cut. It is earnestly to be hoped that nothing will happen to it in the passage through. That dry dock will probably be regarded, as it rests at Manila, as one of the new wonders of the world.

WELL, LET THEM VOTE.

Smith College, Northampton, hasn't like the woman's college described by Tennyson, "prudes for proctors, dowagers for deans," nor have all its "sweet girl graduates" golden hair, but it has a "freshman" (no sex in college terms, it seems) class of over 400 members. In sharp contrast with this, the same class in many colleges for young men shows a falling off in numbers. Looks as if the American girl was forging to the front. Maybe it's because they don't play football, but attend strictly to the business of getting an education that the girls are getting ahead. It looks as if our "learned men" in the future were to be the women, and the next thing will be they'll vote.

GREAT RECORD.

Great is the circus, Barnum & Bailey's, after a tour of 25,000 miles, on its first trip West of the Rockies, is on its way to winter quarters at Bridgeport, Conn. It was obliged to use a great many railroads during the tour, but, strange to say, it never had an accident in all the six months' tour. Good management is another name for good luck.

Mayor Tom L. Johnson introduced Governor Joseph W. Folk of Missouri to a Cleveland audience the other night as the next President of the United States. This may be taken as an admission that the Johnson rainbow has melted into the azure of the political firmament, but as the mayor found a pot of gold at the foot of his rainbow he is not without consolation.

Mark Twain in his letter to the chairman of the Cooper Union meeting on Friday night in New York expressed his hope to be allowed to vote his "whole strength" of Irvin and Jerome—"once as Clemens and twice as Twain." His neat little letter will save him from the trouble of voting three times. It will help to make many more votes than Mark modestly claims for Clemens and Twain.

"The two combined fleets now in New York harbor," says Prince Louis of Battenburg, "could, I think reduce New York to atoms in the time it takes my cook to fry an omelette." Doubtless they could, anchored as they now are, but any fleet intent upon such business would first have a chance of being made into an omelette itself before it entered the North river.

Mr. Brand Whitlock, Toledo's author-mayor, has not yet decided what his program as mayor will be, but in order to reassure the timid he promises not to burn down the city, blow up the city hall or make the river run with blood. Presumably, among the first things he will do will be to get out a new edition of municipal department heads, limited to one copy each.

The stars in their courses have been fighting for Finland during the last two years, and it now looks as though she would regain her ancient freedom without striking a blow.

Son Lost Mother.

"Consumption runs in our family, and through it I lost my mother," writes E. B. Reid, of Harmony, Me. "For the past five years however, on the slightest sign of a cough of cold I have taken Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption which has saved me from serious lung trouble." His mother's death was a sad loss to Mr. Reid, but he learned that lung trouble must not be neglected, and how to cure it. Quickest relief and cure for coughs and colds Price 50c and \$1.00; guaranteed at Charles Rogers' drug store. Trial bottle free.

WORK TO BEGIN

Cars on Centralia-Chehalis Line Will Soon Be in Operation.

Centralia, Wash., Nov. 16.—Manager Canon, of the Centralia-Chehalis Electric Railway and Power Company stated yesterday that his company will commence work at once on the interurban line between Centralia and Chehalis. President Scott, he said, wanted to have the line in operation by July 4, 1906. Much, however, will depend on the weather.

The land lying between Centralia and Chehalis is swampy, and cannot be worked to advantage in the winter. The pole line from Pe Ell to Chehalis will be built as soon as rights of way can be secured.

The site for the water power plant above Pe Ell has been secured and active work will be commenced this winter. The transforming plant will be built at once between Centralia and Chehalis.

The Centralia-Chehalis line, it is believed, will be running long before the time limit, set by the councils of Centralia and Chehalis expires.

NUMBERS IN PLACE OF NAMES.

San Francisco, Nov. 16.—Commercial organizations in this city have been requested by the Pacific Coast Hardware & Steel Association to oppose an order recently issued by the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General that they may make it easier for mail order houses to use the mails for transactions of mercantile business to the detriment of the wholesalers and jobbers and also many retailers. The order referred to abolished the names from the rural delivery boxes and substituted numbers therefor, so that every rural delivery box will soon have a number unless the order is modified.

Mark Twain will be 70 years old on the 30th of this month.

A SCRUBBING BRUSH.

The Way It is Made and the Reason it Costs So Little.

Two things have made it possible for the modern "lady of the house" to buy for 5 or 10 cents a scrubbing brush which would have cost her mother half a dollar. One is the invention of the brush filling machine, the other the discovery of the possibilities of "fiber."

This is a comprehensive word. It embraces all sorts of vegetable substances which, from their stiffness when wet, their tenacity and their visibility, can be made to take the place of bristles. One of the commonest is that known as "bass" or "bast." It is the leaf fiber of the piassava tree and is imported from Africa, Ceylon and South America. The factories receive it in the form of large bales, each made up of separate banks or "pig-tails" which must first be hacked or combed, much as wool or flax is carded.

When the fibers have thus been laid parallel the bunch or pigtail is passed to the guillotine, a cutter in which the material is steadily fed forward, while a blade like that of the French instrument of execution cuts it into the desired lengths.

Meanwhile the back of the future brush has been prepared. It may be made from any kind of hardwood, but beech, birch and maple are the favorites. The blanks are sawed to size and are finished on the edges by revolving cutters, like those of an ordinary molding machine or of the lathe for turning laths. They are then ready to be bored.

This was formerly done by a drill which made each hole separately. The modern machine contains as many drills as there are holes to be bored. They may be arranged in any desired pattern, and at a single thrust will bore all the holes and bore them to a uniform depth. The back and the filling now come together. The fiber, cut to twice the length of each tuft, is placed in the trough of the filling machine, from which a toothed rack picks up exactly the same quantity each time—enough for one knot or tuft. As this little bunch of fiber advances on one side of the machine a strip of iron feeds forward on the other. The two will meet above the holes in the back of the brush, which the operator is holding in place, but just before that happens a die descends and punches from the strip of metal a small piece shaped somewhat like an inverted pair of trousers.

This bit of iron is known as the "anchor." It is deposited, waistband down, upon the center of the tuft of fiber. That is simultaneously folded upon itself, thrust into the waiting hole in the brush back and driven home by a plunger.

The blow serves not merely to force the knot or tuft of fiber to the bottom of the hole, but, striking between the two shanks of iron which represent the legs of the trousers, it spreads them apart and so drives the sharp outer and upper corners into the wood at the sides of the hole. A pull on the tuft of fiber merely presses these corners deeper into the wood and locks the tuft more securely.

Two brushes a minute is the average rate at which all this is done. The operator's only duties are to see that the machine has a sufficient supply of fiber and of metal tape and that the brush back is so placed that the plunger hits the hole accurately.—Youth's Companion.

Chapped Hands.

Wash your hands with warm water, dry with a towel and apply Chamberlain's Salve just before going to bed, and a speedy cure is certain. This salve is also unequalled for skin diseases. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

There were 2003 deaths among the civil war pensioners during the month of September. This leaves 996,270.

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Austria Will Not Aid.

Vienna, Nov. 16.—The report that Austria had promised to support Russia against the Polish movement is officially denied. It is conceivable, however, that should the movement in Russian Poland become serious, Austria might be compelled to act, as a success of the Russian Poles would be followed by similar demands on the part of the Austrian Poles, just as the granting of broader suffrage in Russia, was followed by an imperative demand for broader suffrage in Austria.

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CAPT. GRAHAM'S CURE

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